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PER YOUR REQUEST, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF
MEMCON ON CALL OF ROMANIAN PRIME MINISTER
MAURER ON PRESIDENT JOHNSON, MONDAY,
JUNE 26.

I HAVE A LENGTHIER (13 PAGES) VERSION, BUT
IN THE INTERESTS OF SPEED, I AM SENDING YOU
A SUMMARY WHICH COVERS ALL ESSENTIAL POINTS.

PRESIDENT RECEIVED PRIME MINISTER MAURER AND FOREIGN MINISTER
MANESCU FOR ONE HOUR JUNE 26. CONVERSATION WAS CORDIAL AND
BUSINESSLIKE. HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW.

1. MIDDLE EAST. PRIME MINISTER NOTED HIS TALKS WITH
SECRETARY RUSK IN NEW YORK. HE FELT THERE WAS SIMILARITY OF
VIEWS BETWEEN US AND ROMANIA DUE TO FACT BOTH FELT EVERY-
THING POSSIBLE SHOULD BE DONE TO OBTAIN PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST
AND THAT THIS WAS QUESTION WHICH MUST BE APPROACHED IN REALISTIC
SPIRIT, AVOIDING EXCESSIVE CLAIMS.

2. VIET-NAM. PRIME MINISTER SAID HE HAD ALSO EXCHANGED
VIEWS ABOUT VIET-NAM WITH SECRETARY RUSK AND THAT ON THIS
SUBJECT ROMANIAN VIEWS DIFFERED FROM THOSE OF US. PRIME MINISTER SAID
VIET-NAM IS HOT-BED OF DANGER WHICH COULD DO DAMAGE TO ROMANIAN DESIRES
FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE. ROMANIA BELIEVED WAY HAD TO BE FOUND
FOR AMERICAN TROOPS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM VIET-NAM. PRESIDENT, EX-
PRESSING APPRECIATION FOR FRANK REMARKS OF PRIME MINISTER, STRESSED
OUR DESIRE FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN VIET-NAM, OUR WILLINGNESS TO
TALK, BUT OUR INSISTENCE THAT THERE MUST BE SOME RECIPROCAL
MILITARY ACTION IF WE ARE TO STOP BOMBING. PRESIDENT STRESSED
WE DO NOT SEEK DESTROY NORTH VIET-NAM AND WE ARE PREPARED TO BRING
OUR TROOPS HOME IF NORTH VIET-NAM WILL SEND ITS TROOPS BACK TO
NORTH VIET-NAM.

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3. CHINA. PRESIDENT STATED WE DO NOT WANT WAR WITH CHINA NOR DO WE WISH TO CHANGE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IN CHINA. WE HOPE THAT CHINA WILL JOIN SOCIETY OF NATIONS. WE HAVE NO DESIGNS ON HER TERRITORY AND WISH TO GET ALONG WITH HER TO EXTENT THAT SHE WILL PERMIT. WE WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH CHINESE ABOUT A NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND TO WORK OUT GROUND RULES TO AVOID NUCLEAR WAR. IT WOULD BE HEIGHT OF FOLLY FOR US TO WANT TO GO TO WAR WITH CHINA; NOTHING WAS FARTHER FROM PRESIDENT'S MIND. PRESIDENT ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE VISITING OTHER COUNTRIES AND THAT HE WAS AT LIBERTY TO DESCRIBE HIS CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT AND TO QUOTE WHATEVER PRESIDENT HAD SAID, IF THIS WOULD BE USEFUL.

PRIME MINISTER REMARKED THAT HE WOULD BE IN PEKING JULY 3. IT WAS HELPFUL TO HIM TO HAVE HEARD PRESIDENT'S VIEWS. HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT USE HE WOULD MAKE OF THEM -- THAT REMAINED TO BE SEEN.

4. BILATERAL RELATIONS. MAURER EMPHASIZED INTEREST IN EXPANDED TRADE WITH THE US AS WELL AS CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL EXCHANGES. HE STRESSED PERSONAL INTEREST IN PROJECT INVOLVING PURCHASE OF GLASS PLANT FROM US AND SAID HE HOPED THAT ANY DIFFICULTIES WITH CONGRESS OVER EXIMBANK CREDITS COULD BE RESOLVED SUCCESSFULLY. PRIME MINISTER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND ROMANIA MIGHT NOT SEEM IMPORTANT TO US BUT THEY WERE VERY IMPORTANT FOR ROMANIA IN RAISING STANDARD OF LIVING AND PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE.

PRESIDENT RESPONDED WITH EXPRESSION HIS DESIRE FOR FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN US AND ROMANIAN PEOPLE AND COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN US IN DEALING WITH SUCH PROBLEMS AS IGNORANCE, POVERTY, AND DISEASE WHICH ARE ENEMIES OF MANKIND. HE SAID WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE EAST-WEST TRADE BILL PASSED AND EX-IM-BANK LEGISLATION APPROVED SO THAT OUR RELATIONS COULD BE IMPROVED. ON GLASS PLANT, HE SAID WE APPROACHED SUCH PROBLEMS WITH DESIRE TO REACH UNDERSTANDING.

5. ROMANIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS. MAURER REPEATEDLY POINTED TO ROMANIAN DESIRE MAINTAIN AND INCREASE HER INDEPENDENCE. IN SCARCELY VEILED REFERENCE TO SOVIET EFFORTS DOMINATE EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, MAURER SAID THAT IN TIMES OF CRISIS "COUNTRIES ARE TOLD TO GET TOGETHER TO RENOUNCE SOME OF THEIR SOVEREIGNTY AND SOME OF THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND TO OBEY COMMAND OF ANOTHER STATE". MAURER SAID SUCH ACTIONS ENDANGER WHAT ROMANIA HAS WON AND IT IS THIS CONSIDERATION WHICH MOTIVATES ROMANIA IN HER INTEREST IN CONTRIBUTING TO A SOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS.

6. PRESIDENCY OF GA. WHEN PRIME MINISTER MENTIONED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MANESCU PROBABLY WOULD BE PRESIDENT NEXT GA OF UN, PRESIDENT JOHNSON COMMENTED THAT HE WOULD BE A GOOD MAN AND THAT WE HAD HEARD GOOD THINGS ABOUT HIM.

7. PRESS RELATIONS. MAURER SEEMED TO WELCOME ATTENTION FROM US PHOTOGRAPHERS AND REPORTERS. IN BRIEF COMMENTS TO PRESS FOLLOWING INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT, MAURER SAID HE WAS LEAVING US WITH A PARTICULARLY STRONG MEMORY OF A GREAT LEADER AND A GREAT STATE.

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